



APR 21 2005  
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450  
[www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov)

APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING OR 371(c) DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTY. DOCKET NO./TITLE
10/717,410	11/18/2003	Robert B. Chaffee	C0852-703030

37462  
LOWRIE, LANDO & ANASTASI  
RIVERFRONT OFFICE  
ONE MAIN STREET, ELEVENTH FLOOR  
CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142

CONFIRMATION NO. 7257



\*OC000000014430218\*

*Reg CCR/PA/SUPP ADS  
DOCKETED*

*12-22-04*

*CML 12/4/04*

Date Mailed: 11/22/2004

## RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

### Domestic Continuity and Foreign Priority

In response to your request for a corrected Filing Receipt, the Office is unable to comply with the request because:

- The priority or continuity claim has not been entered because it was not filed during the required time period. Applicant may wish to consider filing a petition to accept an unintentionally delayed claim for priority. See 37 CFR 1.55 or 1.78.
- Continuity claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 cannot be added to the Filing Receipt without the applicant supplying the relationship (continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part) in an Application Data Sheet or amendment to the first page of the specification. *10430040 as d 10192757*
- A claim for priority cannot be made based on an application filed after the application making the claim.
- Domestic benefit and foreign priority claims will not be captured in a provisional application. A provisional application is not entitled to a right of priority or to the benefit of an earlier filing date of any other application. See 35 U.S.C. § 111(b)(7) and 37 CFR 1.53(c)(4).
- A domestic continuity claim cannot be made to a foreign application and the filing receipt will only list the foreign country, application number, and filing date.
- Foreign priority will appear on the Filing Receipt in the following order: **Country, Application number, Filing date.**
- This application is the result of a conversion from a provisional application. Priority based on such application cannot be made since it no longer exists as a provisional application.

- The application(s) to which priority is claimed were filed over a year prior to the filing date of this application. Therefore, the referenced application(s) cannot be claimed as domestic or foreign priority.
- To change the benefit claim of a U.S. prior-filed application, applicant must amend the first sentence of the specification (if the benefit claim is referenced in the specification), or provide a supplemental application data sheet (ADS) (if the benefit claim was submitted in an ADS), with the desired benefit claim. Note that once a benefit claim is deleted, applicant will not be able to claim such prior-filed application again, if the above-identified application was filed on or after November 29, 2000.
- To change a foreign priority claim, applicant must submit a supplemental oath or declaration (if the priority claim is referenced in the oath or declaration), or a supplemental application data sheet (ADS) (if the priority claim was submitted in an ADS), with the desired priority claim. If a supplemental ADS is submitted, any deletions should be shown with strikeouts. Note that once a priority claim is deleted, applicant will not be able to claim such foreign application again, if the above-identified application was filed on or after November 29, 2000.

*Jenks*  
Customer Service Center  
Initial Patent Examination Division (703) 308-1202

PART 1 - ATTORNEY/APPLICANT COPY



DOCKET NO. C0852.703030

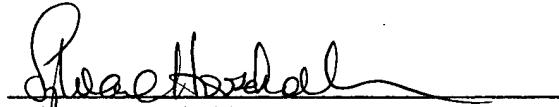
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Robert B. CHAFFEE  
Serial No.: 10/717,410  
Confirmation No.: 7257  
Filing Date: November 18, 2003  
For: INFLATABLE DEVICE  
Examiner: Safavi, Michael  
Art Unit: 3673

---

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)**

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document is being placed in the United States mail with first-class postage attached, addressed to Office of Initial Patent Examination's Filing Receipt Corrections, Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2005.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Sylvana Householder

---

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION TO CORRECT FILING RECEIPT**

Sir:

Petition is hereby made to correct the Filing Receipt of the above-identified application to reflect that this application is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 10/430,040, filed on May 5, 2003 and a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 10/192,757, filed on July 10, 2002.

A duplicate of this Petition is enclosed.

The priority data as claimed by Applicants should read as follows:

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/427,151, entitled “ADJUSTABLE POSTURE SUPPORT SYSTEM,” filed on November 18, 2002, and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/427,307, entitled “PRIMARY BEDDING MATTRESS,” filed on November 18, 2002. This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/430,040, entitled “A VALVE WITH ELECTROMECHANICAL DEVICE FOR ACTUATING THE VALVE,” filed on May 5, 2003, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/377,798, entitled “VALVE WITH ELECROMECHANICAL DEVICE FOR INFLATABLE DEVICE,” filed May 3, 2002. This application is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/192,757, entitled “CONFIGURABLE INFLATABLE SUPPORT DEVICES,” filed on July 10, 2002, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/304,274 entitled “COMBINATION STRUCTURES FOR AN INFLATABLE BLADDER,” filed July 10, 2001 and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/374,403 entitled “A RECONFIGURALBE INFLATABLE SUPPORT DEVICE,” filed April 22, 2002. All of the above-mentioned, related applications are herein incorporated by reference in their entirety.

The Response to Request for Corrected Filing Receipt dated November 22, 2004 (copy attached) asserts that continuity claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120 cannot be added to the Filing Receipt without the Applicant supplying the relationship (continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part). By this petition and with the Preliminary Amendment attached hereto, the

relationship, which is a continuation-in-part, is hereby provided.

A copy of the Application Data Sheet and the first page of the application as filed, along with a copy of the transmittal papers and express mailing label, are enclosed as proof that the priority claims were previously made. A Supplemental Application Data Sheet and Preliminary Amendment are attached to clarify the priority claim.

Please note that the filing receipt was inadvertently issued as a "Corrected Filing Receipt". An original filing receipt was never received by the Applicant.

It is respectfully requested that Applicant's priority information be corrected and that the corrected Official Filing Receipt document be issued reflecting the correction of the above-noted error. It is further requested that the Corrected Official Filing Receipt Document be sent to the undersigned at the earliest possible convenience.

If there is a fee occasioned by this Request, please charge the fee to the account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 50/2762.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Robert B. CHAFFEE, Applicant*



John N. Anastasi, Reg. No. 37.765  
LOWRIE LANDO & ANASTASI, LLP  
Riverfront Office Park  
One Main Street  
Cambridge, MA 02142  
(617) 395-7000

Docket No.: C0852-703030  
Date: April 18, 2005  
762381.1